

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 30th November 2014**

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## **IRTS AGM & Annual Rally**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be hosting the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenney, College Road, Kilkenney on 25th & 26th April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Admission to the dinner is by ticket only. [www.irts.ie/rallies](http://www.irts.ie/rallies)

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## **IRTS 80m Counties Contest 2015**

IRTS 80m Counties Contest takes place on Thursday 1st January 2015. The deadline for the submission of completed logs is January 15th and maybe submitted to contestmanager /at/ irts/dot/ie

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## **Limerick Radio Club Annual Rally**

Advance notice of the Limerick Radio Club Annual Rally, Hobbies & Electronics Rally 2015 will take place on Sunday March 8th at the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am. All the usual traders will be present. Bring and buy tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Contac Ger EI4GXB or Simon EI7ALB QTHR. [www.limerickradioclub.ie](http://www.limerickradioclub.ie)

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## **Voice Repeaters Ireland**

A comprehensive list of voice repeaters and internet gateways in Ireland is available on IRTS site [www.irts.ie/repeaters](http://www.irts.ie/repeaters)

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## **UKEICC 80m CW Contest**

The monthly 80m contest organised by the UK & Ireland Contest Club took place last Wednesday 26th November.

It was a CW contest, and whereas the SSB event in October had a record 13 EI entrants, this time there were only four, but two of them took the top two places for UK and Ireland stations in the high-power unconnected category.

These 80m contests are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and the next one, with a break for Christmas, is on 28th January. As it will be SSB, we could have another record numbers of EI entrants. Full details and results are at [ukeicc.com](http://ukeicc.com).

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### **December is YOTA Month!**

During the month of December many countries will be on the air with the YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) suffix. It is being used to encourage young people to get on the air with the help of licensed operators or indeed to use their own callsign to gain experience. Mentor operators from EI are encouraged to use the EI0YOTA callsign, with a young person to operate. All modes & bands will be used with lots of awards available to stations working the YOTA stations. QSL manager for the event is Brani OM2FY.

If you would like to book a slot to operate EI0YOTA, or need more details, please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email on [ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com](mailto:ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com) or 087 2532512.

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### **Irish Amateur Television Club**

The IATC welcome visitors to their website, [www.iatc.ie](http://www.iatc.ie) Should any amateur radio operator have an ATV project they would like to be featured on the IATC website, details of how this can be achieved are available by visiting the above site.

The Dublin ATV repeater is running a test card on 2390.00Mhz. This frequency is just below the 2.4Ghz video senders section. All reports are welcome and should be sent to Tom, EI7HT at South Dublin Radio Club.

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### **IRTS Technical Panel**

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. The e-mail address [irtstech/at/irts.ie](mailto:irtstech/at/irts.ie) is a single point of contact for communicating with the Panel. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems. Please avail of this service.

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## **Cavan Repeaters EI2LLX**

The Cavan repeater is not operational due to damage during storm conditions Friday 14th November.

As a result VHF, UHF and ATV repeaters are off the air.

This service has been in operation for over 20 years without any financial assistance. Are you in a position to donate something to support these repeaters? Full details on how you can make a financial donation are available from [www.iatc.ie](http://www.iatc.ie) website.

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## **DX News**

Robert N7XR will be active from Diego Garcia Island in the Chagos Archipelago from 3 December for about three weeks. While there he will use the callsign VQ9XR or possibly VQ92X. He will be on all bands 160 – 10m and QSLs go direct to N7XR.

Freddy F4HEC will be QRV as JD1BOX from Ogasawara from 4 – 12 December. Ogasawara, which is about 1000km south of Tokyo counts as a separate entity for the DXCC award. QSL to the home call.

Ben SM7EQL and Ronnie SM7DKF will be in the Turks & Caicos Islands in the Caribbean using the callsigns VP5/home call until 7 December. They then travel on to St Lucia where they will sign J6/home call until 15 December.

Felix DL5XL will be operating as DP1POL from the German Neumayer Antarctic Base until February 2015. This will be mainly on CW and QSLs go via DL1ZBO.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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